

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **Draft Finding of No Significant Impact – Construction of a Small Regulatory Reservoir, Orland Project, Glenn County, California**

**Mid-Pacific Region**

## Background

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to approve construction of a 49 acre-foot regulatory reservoir adjacent to lateral 210 of the Orland project to improve the efficiency of water management and flexibility of delivery. The reservoir would cover approximately 12 acres of irrigated pasture.

## Findings

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, Mid-Pacific Regional Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed construction project.

This FONSI is based on the following:

1. The principal effects of the action will be to improve the efficiency of water use and to simplify management of the Orland Unit.
2. The transfer will not cause any adverse changes in the operation of the Orland Unit, nor will it cause any changes in the flows in either Lower Stony Creek or the Sacramento River. This will preclude any flow related impacts to in-stream biological resources.
3. No listed species will be affected by the proposed action.
3. Adverse effects of construction on the human community, primarily increases in noise, will be temporary and within the normal range for construction activities.
4. No Indian Trust Assets would be affected as water flows adjacent to the Grindstone Rancheria will not be affected.
5. The program is consistent with federal policies on Environmental Justice as the community as a whole will benefit without deferential distribution of benefits and impacts.

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Date: July 7, 2008

Concur: \_\_\_\_\_

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Environmental Specialist, Northern California Area Office

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
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